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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: A-4 TRAINING IN THE PHILIPPINES

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1. WE STRONGLY CONCUR THAT IN EXPLORING IMPLEMENTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR POSSIBLE SINGAPORE A-4 TRAINING PROGRAM AT CLARK, WE DO ALL POSSIBLE TO KEEP PROCESS SEPARATE FROM BASE NEGOTIATIONS. WE BELIEVE THE FOLLOWING COURSE OF EVENTS MIGHT HELP MINIMIZE THE RECOGNIZED DANGERS:

- A) GOS BE GIVEN GREEN LIGHT TO PROCEED WITH DISCUSSIONS WITH GOP (THIS LEAVES THE INITIATIVE TO GOS,
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- RATHER THAN US WHICH COULD PROVIDE GOP GREATER OPPORTUNITY TO DRAW ISSUE INTO BASE NEGOTIATIONS.);
- B) WE WOULD NEXT EXPECT THE GOP TO CONSULT WITH US,
 - AS REQUIRED BY THE MBA, ABOUT RSAF USE OF CLARK.
 - (TO INSURE THAT THE GOP COMES TO US ABOUT THE PROJECT, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT GOS NOT RPT NOT

- CONVEY IMPRESSION TO GOP THAT US HAS ALREADY
- APPROVED IT.);

- C) ONCE CONSULTED BY GOP, WE WOULD PROPOSE INFORMAL
- MILITARY TALKS BETWEEN USAF AND PAF ABOUT ARRANGE-
- MENTS GOVERNING RSAF PRESENCE AND OPERATIONS AT
- CLARK. RSAF REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE INVITED TO
- JOIN THESE DISCUSSIONS AT MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME.
- (DISCUSSIONS COULD FOCUS IN THE MDB PLANS COMMITTEE,
- WITH AD HOC SIDE MEETINGS WITH RSAF REPRESNTA-
- TIVES AS APPROPRIATE.)

2. WE RECOGNIZE THAT FOR ALL OUR EFFORTS TO GUIDE THIS PROCESS, IT MAY NOT UNFOLD AS WE WOULD LIKE. FOR EXAMPLE, MFA MAY WISH TO BECOME INVOLVED AT AN EARLY DATE, POTENTIALLY COMPLICATING THE PICTURE. NEVERTHELESS, WEIGHING ALL THE FACTORS WE SEE NOW, WE RECOMMEND PROCEEDING AS INDICATED ABOVE ANTICPATING THAT TACTICS MAY HAVE TO BE ADJUSTED ALONG THE WAY.

3. SINGAPORE 2828 JUST RECEIVED. BELIEVE FOREGOING FULLY CONSONANT WITH EMBASSY SINGAPORE THINKING. MURPHY

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